

LEXINGTON COUNTY

SCENE OF DOUBLE TRAGEDY MONDAY

J. Strickland Kills H. Strickland and Commits Suicide

TWO MEN WERE BROTHERS

Both Well-to-do Farmers—It is Claimed Grudge of Long Standing Between Them.

Lexington, Feb. 4.—Henry Strickland, a well known farmer of Swansea section of this county, was shot and instantly killed by his brother, James Strickland, at about noon today, soon after which James Strickland went to his own home a quarter of a mile away, went into the house, pulled off his shoes, went out on the porch and blew out his own brains.

From information received here over the long distance telephone, it seems that there had been a grudge of long standing between the two brothers. James Strickland, it is said, went to the home of Henry today, called Henry out of the house and offered to make terms of peace. Henry agreed and sat down on the front steps to talk the matter over. No sooner, however, according to the report, had he sat down than James drew a pistol from his pocket and fired. The first shot missed its mark, and Henry arose to get out of the way, it is claimed, when a second bullet from his brother's pistol killed him instantly.

Both of the men were up in forty and well-to-do farmers. Both leave large families. The double killing has naturally caused a gloom of sorrow to spread throughout the entire section.

An inquest was held over the two bodies by Magistrate E. M. Martin this afternoon.

BUSY ON STRIKE PROBLEM

British Cabinet Endeavoring to Bring About Solution.

London, Feb. 4.—The cabinet and various government departments concerned in the labor troubles have been very active today seeking a solution of the difficulties. There have been numerous interviews and conferences with representatives of the strike movements and trade unions. One important result is the recognition by the government of the railway clerks' organization.

In a general way the government has decided to maintain its policy of non-intervention in strikes not authorized by trade unions, but at the same time directing its influence toward inducing the malcontent workers to see the advisability of acting through their official trade representatives. For instance, at a conference at the ministry of labor between representatives of the government and a deputation of the electric trades union, the deputation was assured that if reasonable demands were made through the official channels of the trades union, they would receive sympathetic consideration from the government, but was warned that if the men continued their present course thus putting the whole community to serious inconvenience, the government would take drastic steps to protect the civilian population and business undertakings.

By the leaders of the present strikes the government's attitude is regarded as unsatisfactory and a number of meetings are being held in London tonight with the object of securing greater uniformity of action. There is no actual change in the situation tonight, nor is a further extension of the strikes reported, but strong fears are expressed that the tramway service may close down Thursday.

CONNECTICUT DECLINES

To Ratify the Federal Prohibition Amendment.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 4.—Connecticut, through the action of the Senate today, is the first State to decline to ratify the federal prohibition amendment. Forty-four States through their Legislatures have voted for ratification.

It is believed that Senate action definitely determines the attitude of this State, although the House of Representatives is expected to vote to ratify by a large margin.

Legislative leaders, however give no expression of opinion which would lead to belief that the Senate would do other than adhere to its action should the matter come before it again.

The first twelve articles of amendments to the Constitution were not ratified by this State nor was the sixteenth amendment which relates to the income tax.

BILL TO BE WITHDRAWN

Charleston Board of Trustees Agree to Negro Teachers.

Columbia, Feb. 4.—Last night it was learned upon inquiry that it was the intention of Mr. Meares to withdraw the bill introduced by himself to prohibit the teaching in free schools of negro pupils by white teachers.

Mr. Meares, Fairfield, stated that during the recess last week the board of trustees for the city of Charleston, the sole remaining locality in the State where the purpose of the bill would have applied, reconsidered its policy in the management of the negro schools in their charge and agreed to substitute negro teachers for the present corps of white instructors on or before September, 1920, the beginning of a new school year.

The agreement will be made a matter of record in the journal and thus properly in this regard to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. This would end the proposed legislation, it is understood. The Wharton bill in the Senate which is identical, is also understood, is to be withdrawn.

SEIZED BY THE SPARTANS

Copenhagen, Feb. 4.—A majority of the government buildings in Königsberg, East Prussia, have been seized by Spartans from Berlin. The Governor of East Prussia has declared a state of seige in the Thorn district and instituted court martial.

McADOO COUNSEL FOR "MOVIE" CONCERN

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 4.—William G. McAdoo was retained today as counsel by a recently organized moving picture company. Mr. McAdoo is spending the winter near here.

CLAIMS MADE BY GREECE

Referred by Peace Conference to Expert Commission.

Paris, Feb. 4.—The supreme council at its meeting today agreed that questions in the statement of Premier Venizelos concerning Greek territorial interests in the peace settlement should be referred to a commission of experts whose duty it would be to make recommendations for a just settlement. This commission will be composed of two representatives each from the United States, the British Empire, France and Italy.

At the session at which agreement on Greek territorial claims was reached, and which was held at the foreign office as usual, the commission about to start for Poland was received for a final discussion of the situation. Afterward Premier Venizelos continued his presentation of the Greek case, particularly concerning the zone along Western Asia Minor.

The official statement on the proceedings of the supreme council today reads: "The President of the United States, the prime ministers and ministers of foreign affairs of the United States, the British Empire, France Italy and Japan, met this morning at the Quai d'Orsay from 11 to 1 o'clock. M. Venizelos made a statement regarding Greek territorial interests in Asia Minor.

"The following resolution was approved: 'It is agreed that the questions raised in the statement by M. Venizelos to the Greek territorial interests in the peace settlement shall be referred for examination in the first instance to an expert committee, composed of two representatives each of the United States of America, the British Empire, France and Italy. It shall be the duty of this committee to reduce the questions for decision within the narrowest possible limit and make recommendations for a just settlement. The committee is authorized to consult with the representatives of the peoples concerned.'

"The next meeting will take place Wednesday, February 5, at 3 p. m., when the Czecho-Slovak delegates will be heard."

DECLINES THE INVITATION

Paris, Feb. 3.—The government of Georgia, in Trans-Caucasia, has declined the invitation sent out by wireless from the peace conference to the Russian factions to attend the proposed Princes Islands conference. The declination was made on the ground that Georgia, like Finland, already had achieved her independence and was no longer a portion of Russia, so that she was not interested in the subject.

NOTES OF MUCH INTEREST FROM BUSY SUMMERTON

It has been many times said, that where there is no agitating, there is stagnation. Certainly no one wants stagnation, so why should we not in the name of the people of our town and surrounding community agitate the building of a tobacco warehouse in Summerton, better streets and side walks, more residences, as a vacant house cannot be found here now. More cooperation between the farmers and merchants, landlords and tenants, the production of more food stuffs, more cows, hogs, sheep and goats, etc. Good roads; now who said good roads, that's Jim Kelly's job, while Representative Johnson seems to be willing to lend a helping hand in the way of providing funds, and it seems that Representative Spott is willing to help provide funds, or that he is willing to help hold back the high salaries from the state officers. And if we ever see "Uncle Pruitt," we expect to shake his hand and tell him we agree with him most heartily on the salary raising proposition. Not that we are opposed to any man or set of men making lots of money, but here was a number of fellows who spent two months last summer canvassing the State, and asking the people to vote for them and the salary was not any question whatsoever, but they wanted to serve the people, so we are of the opinion that they should, as Mr. Spott says, serve them at least two years and prove their good faith, and then if they cannot live on what their office pays them, certainly they would have been men enough to say so, or either step down and out, and very few pursue the stepping down and out course.

Although it appears that a large majority of the representatives were in favor of higher salaries and this measure went through like a shuck in a whirlwind. But sometimes we wonder if some of those fellows who voted to pay some of the boys three thousand dollars the year of the taxpayers' money, would be willing to hire that three thousand dollar man to look after his personal business at the same salary?

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Felder went to Dillon last Friday to attend the funeral and burial of Mrs. Felder's brother, Sergeant Thomas Rufus Bethea, who died in a training camp at Anniston, Alabama, with influenza followed by pneumonia. Young Bethea was 26 years old and had seen service on the Mexican border and had worked at a number of different camps in America. Mrs. Felder has the sympathy of her many friends here.

Miss May Bethune, one of Summerton's highly esteemed trained nurses, left here last Friday for Miami, Florida, where she expects to spend several weeks. On account of the "flu" epidemic Miss Bethune, along with the other nurses of this place, has been hard worked and her friends

hope she will be greatly benefited by these few weeks recreation.

Among the first white boys returning home, who saw overseas service, was Corporal T. E. Walker, who returned home last week. Ernest tells some very exciting stories about his experience, especially about the breaking of the Hindenburg line in which he participated. He was also badly gassed about four months ago and has not been able to be in active service since, spending most of his time in a hospital in London.

Miss Vivian Eadon, who is attending Coker College, is at home for a few days.

Miss Ruby Kelly from Limestone is spending a few days with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Broadway are on an extended visit to Florida sight seeing.

Mrs. Mahalia Lesesne, widow of the late M. B. Lesesne and a bride of only a few months, left here last Friday for Callao, Virginia, where she will make her home in the future.

Miss Alice Wilkey has returned home after spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. G. I. Lesesne, at Camden.

There will be a competitive examination held at Sumter on February 19th for the purpose of electing a postmaster for this office, to succeed the late Dr. Ellison Capers. It is understood that a good number will take the examination. All anyone can wish of the new postmaster, who ever he is, for the same efficiency and untiring effort to serve and please the patrons as was rendered by the former postmaster.

Mrs. Alberta Seymour spent several days in Charleston last week with her husband, who has a position with the A. C. L. Railroad Co., as engineer.

Messrs. E. B. and Marion Proctor and Jim Hunsucker of Blenheim, Marlboro county, were visitors here last week. Elberta seems to be Steele-ing over here right often and when the schools close in the Panola section we should not be surprised to hear of a marriage.

Mrs. J. J. and Miss Anna Wilkey spent the week-end with relatives in Sumter.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Brailsford and Mrs. A. S. Briggs spent last week-end with Mrs. J. S. Baskins in Bishopville.

Mr. A. P. Burgess, fertilizer inspector, who has been working in Georgia and Florida has returned home and will farm on his plantation near town this year.

Private John McLeod of Camp Jackson spent a few days this week with relatives and friends here and at Davis Station.

Mr. Sidney Legrand, who has been with C. M. Davis & Son Co., as salesman, is now with Troy's fancy grocery.

Mrs. A. M. Scarborough has returned after an extended visit to her relatives in Wilmington, N. C.

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RECENT SOCIAL EVENTS

Mrs. T. M. Mouzon Hostess

The second of a series of rook parties in honor of the members of the Civic League was given by Mrs. T. M. Mouzon at her home on Wednesday afternoon.

After several exciting games of rook it was found that Mrs. C. R. H. had made top score and was awarded the prize, a two-pound box of Nunnally's.

Miss Edna Boger assisted Mrs. Mouzon in serving an attractive salad course with hot coffee at the conclusion of the games.

Mrs. Mouzon's guests included Mrs. Leon Weinberg, Miss Helen Boger, Miss Janie Wilson, Mrs. H. B. Ennis, Mrs. H. J. Monar, Mrs. R. C. Broadway, Mrs. J. H. Rigby, Mrs. A. S. Briggs, Mrs. Thomas Nimmer, Mrs. Jake Iseman, Mrs. A. T. Helms, Mrs. T. E. Plowden, Mrs. Ehrich, Miss Isabel Smith, and Miss Lucy Wingard.

Unique Party Given by Mrs. Joe Rigby for Civic League Members.

Unique in every detail was the progressive rook party given at the home of Mrs. Joe Rigby on Friday afternoon.

After all the guests had arrived a series of interesting games were played at the conclusion of which a two course luncheon was served.

Those who enjoyed Mrs. Rigby's hospitality were Mrs. Helms, Mrs. English Plowden, Mrs. Charlie Rigby, Mrs. Horton Rigby, Mrs. Frank Burgess, Mrs. Theodore Lesesne, Mrs. Thomas Nimmer, Mrs. T. M. Mouzon, Mrs. James A. Cole, Mrs. T. F. Coffey, Mrs. Connor Wells, Mrs. Lucius Harvin, Mrs. Scott Harvin, Mrs. C. B. Geiger, Mrs. I. I. Appert, Mrs. Jake Weinberg, Mrs. Sue McLeod, Miss Lucy Johnson, Mrs. Broadway, Mrs. Allen Harvin, Mrs. Maria Brown, Mrs. Covert Plowden, Miss Leona Rigby and Miss Swartz.

Younger Set Entertained.

Miss Grace Nimmer was hostess at an informal party at her home and entertained a number of her school friends. After a series of puzzle games an hour was spent in dancing. Later in the evening dainty refreshments were served.

Miss Nimmer's guests included Miss Lida Spott, Miss Virginia Geiger, Miss Virginia Ridgeway, Miss Janie

Thames, Miss Martha Burgess, Miss Louise McElveen, Miss Catherine Arant, Miss Edna Boger, Miss Marie Wells, Miss Sarah Lesesne, Miss Loula Rigby, Miss Francis Harvin, Miss Alice Clark, Miss Mary Rigby, Miss Janie Keels, Miss Wingard, Miss Swartz and Miss Smith.

Mrs. R. C. Broadway Gives Party.

Progressive rook was the feature of the afternoon party given by Mrs. R. C. Broadway on Thursday. Pot plants and ferns were used to add attractiveness to the rooms open to the guests. Selections on the Edison were played during the afternoon.

After a number of games of rook the cards were put aside and the card tables spread with lace mats and dainty refreshments were served by Miss Emily Broadway.

The invited guests included Mrs. J. F. Bradham, Mrs. Geo. Williams, Mrs. J. L. Dickson, Mrs. English Plowden, Mrs. Horace Thomas, Mrs. J. J. Martin, Mrs. Jake Iseman, Mrs. J. W. Rigby, Mrs. Jake Weinberg, Mrs. L. F. Erich, Mrs. Allen Bradham, Mrs. J. C. Plowden, Mrs. Leon Weinberg, Mrs. G. M. Smith, Mrs. J. A. Cole, Mrs. B. B. Breedin, Mrs. W. M. McCullough, Mrs. Stalnaker, Mrs. W. S. Plowden, Mrs. J. C. Bradham and Mrs. P. C. Wells.

NEW PARLIAMENT MEETS

None of Sinn Feiners Elected From Ireland Appear.

London, Feb. 4.—The new British Parliament elected last December held its first session today.

James Lowther was reelected speaker.

None of the Sinn Feiners elected from Ireland appeared at the opening session.

Apparently the much discussed question of whether the Independent Liberals or the Laborites were to be the official opposition has been settled by compromise as both William Adamson, the labor leader, and Donald McLean, the newly elected chairman of the Asquithian Liberals, sat on the front opposition bench with their chief lieutenants.

Additional Local News Items

Mrs. S. Katzoff, Mrs. A. Abrams and their guests motored over to Sumter Thursday and spent the day.

The Clarendon County Pension Board will meet at the Court House Monday, 10th inst., at eleven o'clock.

Mr. A. Abrams purchased the Walker stores last Saturday, paying \$23,575 for the three buildings.

Miss Esther Berger has returned to Manning and is employed in The New Idea Co.'s store.

Mr. H. D. Clark has purchased the home of Dr. Herman Huggins on Church street for a consideration of \$5,000.

Mr. D. Hirschmann wishes to state that the rumor which has been circulated that he is going to leave Manning is untrue. Mr. Hirschmann is receiving goods daily, and is here to stay.

Mrs. C. Goldstein after spending some time with her sisters, Mrs. S. Katzoff and Mrs. A. Abrams, has returned to her home in Atlanta.

Dr. B. D. Stalnaker, who has had charge of the prescription department of Zeigler's Pharmacy for some time, is now manager of the Clarendon Drug Store, and took charge last Saturday.

Mrs. D. Silverman of Kingstree spent a few days of last week with her sister, Mrs. A. Katzoff.

Dr. R. Y. Deitz of Statesville, N. C., has been engaged as pharmacist at Zeigler's Drug Store. Dr. Deitz comes to Manning highly recommended and until he is able to secure a house he and his family are staying at the Central Hotel.

Manager Cuv Smith has secured for next Monday night a company of Hawaiians who will give a high-class musical program, consisting of folk songs and music, peculiar to that island. The sketch is called "Night in Honolulu." This company has been playing in Sumter this week and has made a big hit. The play will take place in the School Auditorium.

The good roads meeting called for last Thursday was a failure as only about half dozen people answered the call. If we continue to be that indifferent about our roads, we will always have what we deserve—bad roads. Now, let's get together and all pull in one direction. No plan will suit everybody, but a start has to be made somewhere, so let's do something.

The ladies who are entertaining at the teas for the Civic League, will please send funds collected from them to the Sec. and Treas., Mrs. J. A. Weinberg, in order that a report on same may be ready for the February meeting of the league. This is also the time for collecting yearly dues, and by sending your dues for 1919 in to the Sec. and Treas., you will simplify the collection of same greatly.

Sergeant William J. Epps, Medical Department United States Army, retired, was relieved from duty at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, Cal., January 27, 1919. On his way from California he paid his aunt, Mrs. S. M. Reardon, a short visit which was enjoyed very much by the entire family. He is returning to his home after an absence of twenty-two years and the only thing that will get him away from home again will be to get after the enemy of our nation.

Miss Annie Thames has an announcement in another column of much interest to the ladies of Clarendon County. Miss Thames has moved her millinery establishment into the store of Mr. H. D. Dubrow and she extends a cordial invitation to all her friends to visit her in her new place. Miss Thames will leave on Monday for the Northern markets where she will purchase an up-to-date line of Fancy Millinery.

Died at her home in Manning yesterday afternoon Mrs. Frank May. The deceased had been ill with pneumonia about two days. Mr. and Mrs. May moved to Manning several years ago, and have many friends in our town. Mr. May being superintendent of the local telephone company. The deceased leaves her husband and three little children. The entire community sympathize with the bereaved family. The funeral services will be held in the Manning cemetery this afternoon.

RUSSIANS RETREAT BEFORE BOLSHIEVIKI

Archangel, Feb. 3.—The Russian detachment operating with the Americans on the Pinega front retreated several versts yesterday after having unsuccessfully attempted an attack in which it encountered superior numbers of the Bolshhevik forces.

Artillery and patrol actions continue on all sectors of the front.

An American airplane yesterday bombed Bolshhevik positions on the Vaga river.

BOLSHEVIST TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED THE CITY OF KIEV

Ukraine Government Has Been Moved to Winnitsa

CZECHS ATTACK THE POLES

Reported Czecho-Slovakia Plans to Get Control of Oil Lands in Galicia.

Warsaw, Jan. 31.—Kiev has been taken by the Bolshhevik troops, Gen. Petlura's troops partially going over to the enemy.

The Ukraine government has been moved from Kiev to Winnitsa, to the southwest.

The Czecho-Slovaks are bitterly denounced here because of recent events in the Duchy of Teschen. Lieut. Reginald Foster, of the American army, representing the peace commission, is reported to have asked Dr. T. G. Masaryk, president of Czecho-Slovakia, if the Allies had given permission for the Czechs to attack the Poles. Dr. Masaryk is said to have replied in the negative but is reported to have added that the territory is necessary for the development of Czecho-Slovakia.

After Oil Lands. It is rumored that the Czecho-Slovaks planned to get control of Polish oil lands in Central Galicia and it is alleged that they already have made a bargain with this object in view with the Ruthenians.

Dr. Stanislaus Grabsky, a member of the Paris council here, declared to the Associated Press recently that Dr. Masaryk told him long ago there never was a possibility of trouble between the Czechs and Poles. Dr. Grabsky stated that his sister, Mrs. Sophia Kiedram, an author and a member of the Teschen committee, was arrested at her home at Dombrowa and her young son was killed by the Czechs. He said that six other boys were shot by the Czechs for resisting.

The cold wave here has resulted in the deaths of hundreds, especially babies, who were frozen to death while being transported on railways. (This probably refers to refugees fleeing to Warsaw to escape from the advancing Bolshheviks.)

Telegraph lines and railways in the direction of Vienna were cut by the Czecho-Slovaks last Thursday.

To Prevent Clash. Paris, Feb. 3.—A commission of control will be sent immediately to Teschen, Austrian Silesia, to prevent a conflict between the Czechs and the Poles in the region of Teschen and also to inquire into the basis for a frontier decision at the peace conference.

PAXVILLE ITEMS.

The local Woman's Temperance Union will meet next Tuesday afternoon, February 11th, at the graded school building. All members are urged to attend if possible.

Misses Alice and Emily Broadway are at home their school being closed down on account of the influenza recurrence.

Mrs. C. H. Broadway is at home after being for two months at the Tuomey Hospital undergoing treatment.

Mr. J. W. Rhame has been quite sick for several days.

Wiley Poole, a returned soldier from France has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Poole. He left Friday for a camp at St. Petersburg, Va.

CHOWDER'S RECORD CLEAN

Washington, Feb. 4.—Discussion at the Capitol of published reports that Provost Marshal Gen. Crowder had been reprimanded by Gen. March, chief of staff, led to the War Department to authorize a statement today that Gen. Crowder's entire military record was unmarred, and to disclose the origin of the reprimand story.

It was stated that when the secured draft was being planned Gen. March and Gen. Crowder differed over the provision of medical examinations and exchanged letters on the subject. The language of a brief abstract of Gen. March's letter which went to division headquarters in the course of department routine was construed by Gen. Crowder as implying a reprimand and he took the matter up with Secretary Baker. The secretary wrote in reply that he found no reprimand was intended but that to make this clear he had had the language to which the general objected altered.

Made Citizens of U. S. A.

Columbia, Feb. 4.—Fifty foreign born soldiers from Camp Jackson, representing a dozen countries, were made citizens of the United States through naturalization proceedings in the South Carolina Circuit Court here today.